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SUBJECT/ VISIT OF ASTRONAUT EUGENE CERNAN

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1. NASA HAS MADE CERNAN AVAILABLE FOR TRAVEL IN EASTERN EUROPE
FROM SEPTEMBER 23 TO OCTOBER 4 FOLLOWING HIS MEETINGS IN
MOSCOW ON APOLLO-SOYUZ TEST PROJECT. HE PLANS TO TRAVEL
FROM MOSCOW TO VIENNA ON SEPTEMBER 21. TRAVEL FROM VIENNA
TO LJUBLJANA ON SEPTEMBER 22 OR 23
IS BEING ARRANGED. THE FOLLOWING SEEMS THE MOST EQUITABLE
DISTRIBUTION OF THE REST OF HIS SCHEDULE:

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2. FOR BUCHAREST AGENCY HAS REQUESTED RECENT VTR WITH NASA ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR ROCKO PETRONE ON FUTURE NASA PROGRAMS INTERVIEW DEALS EXTENSIVELY WITH APOLLO-SOYUZ PROGRAM AND WILL PERMIT CERNAN TO DEAL WITH SUBJECT AT ROUND TABLE.

3. FOR PRAGUE: SUNDAY, SEPT 29 MUST BE CONSIDERED FREE DAY FOR CERNAN. HE HAS BEEN PROMISED HE WILL NOT RPT NOT BE PROGRAMMED AT ALL THIS DAY. CERNAN ALSO WISHES TO VISIT HOMES OF HIS PATERNAL GRANDFATHER IN VYSOKA NAD KYSUCOU (NORTHWEST SLOVAKIA) AND, IF POSSIBLE, HOMES OF HIS MATERNAL GRANDPARENTS IN TABOR AND BECHYNE, BOHEMIA.

4. CERNAN IS ARRANGING TO BRING CERTAIN PRESENTATION MATERIALS WITH HIM, INCLUDING AMERICAN AND HOST COUNTRY FLAGS THAT HAVE BEEN CARRIED TO THE MOON, AUTOGRAPHED PHOTOS, REPLICAS OF LUNAR LANDING MODELS, ETC. HE WILL APPRECIATE POSTS' GUIDANCE IN HOW AND TO WHOM TO PRESENT THESE ITEMS. AGENCY IS ALSO IN TOUCH WITH NASA READDITIONAL PRESENTATION MATERIALS.

5. LARGER QUANTITIES OF PHOTOS, POST CARDS AND PAMPHLETS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY THROUGH RSC BEIRUT, IF AT ALL. WILL ADVISE

6. CERNAN IS INVESTIGATING POSSIBILITY OF HAVING HIS WIFE ACCOMPANY HIM. WILL ADVISE ASAP.

7. BELGRADE AND VIENNA NOTIFIED BY SEPARATE CABLE.
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